

MT YOUTH IN TRANSITION CONFERENCE

A two-day conference focused on improving transition outcomes and post-secondary opportunities for youth with disabilities.

**STUDENT— FOCUSED
PLANNING**

**Interagency
Coordination**

Family Involvement

Real Life Fair

Independent Living

Vocational Planning

Education and Job Training

Parent Resources and Support

Self-Advocacy

Nov. 14-16, 2012
RED LION COLONIAL
HELENA, MT

MYT 2012

"The transition conference has been an invaluable resource for helping my students plan for their future. Without MYT we would feel lost or in the dark, they have provided us with the light to lead the way!"

~ Caley Clark, teacher



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What to Expect...

In the spirit of discovery, the annual Montana Youth Transitions (**MYT**) Conference will seek to answer important questions about the challenging journey into adulthood for Montana's youth with disabilities. It will be an opportunity for students, parents, teachers, vocational rehabilitation counselors, case managers and others to network, explore resources, and discover pathways to meaningful futures!

During the conference, there will be a **Real Life Fair** with vendors representing education, independent living, recreation, employment, and other supportive services.

Presenters will include well known keynotes as well as **Montanans** who have themselves gone through the transition process and can offer insight, guidance and support.

A **youth track** will also be provided to start youth on their own individualized transition journey.

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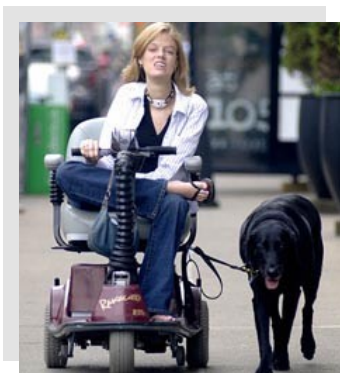
"I liked meeting other kids. I learned about how to stand up and keep trying. I learned about job options."

~ Rahkei, student

For details and registration information:

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KEYNOTE PRESENTER



Josie was recently crowned Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania 2011 and Ms. Wheelchair America 2012. Josie Badger is currently finishing her Ph.D. work in Healthcare Ethics at Duquesne University. She graduated school for rehabilitation counseling at the University of Pittsburgh in April 2009. In May of 2007, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from Geneva College, majoring in Disability Law and Advocacy.

Josie has served as president and vice president of the National Youth Leadership Network. On the state level, Josie is also a founding member, and ex-president of the Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network. She also works with Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh on the family forum. Josie was named Glamour Magazine's 11th "Top College Women of 2006." Josie works at the Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership (PEAL) Center as Youth Coordinator for the State Implementation Grant, assisting families in healthcare transition.

Josie is an expert on Self-Advocacy, and presents from a first hand experience on tips to be successful as a person with a disability. Josie is a strong advocate and leader and teaches as well as lives an effective independent living philosophy. Successful transition outcomes for young people with disabilities is her passion.

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PRESENTER ABSTRACT

Presentations will generally be one hour in length, but a limited number will be 90 minute sessions. You may also request an additional session by submitting an abstract outlining Part I and Part II of your presentation.

The 2012 Youth in Transition Conference is an opportunity for youth with disabilities, their families and professionals to gain more understanding of the wide array of opportunities and services available to them in Montana. This venue consists of a Real Life Fair, which will allow participants the opportunity to meet with and discover services and resources that will strengthen their plans for transition from high school, as well as learning sessions/workshops presenting available services and community networks.

We are looking for Real Life Fair vendors *AND* workshop presenters to represent one or more of the following training areas:

Education/training

Independent living

Recreation

Employment

Community service

Financial aid

Advocacy (for youth AND families)

Food/clothing

Please complete the following abstract by **August 31, 2012** and mail or email it to:

MT Youth Transitions

1617 Euclid Avenue

Helena, MT 59601

mk_behr@yahoo.com

For questions or for more information, please feel free to contact June Hermanson at Ph. 406-442-2576.

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Please mark the type of presentation you would be interested in providing:

_____ *Real Life Fair Vendor*

_____ *Workshop Presentation*

_____ *Both*

There are both a youth track and an adult track during the course of this conference. Please note which track you would interested in presenting to, or mark both if applicable.

More applicable to: **YOUTH** **ADULTS** **BOTH**

Title of Presentation:

Name of Primary Contact for Presentation:

Name of agency, business or service provider:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email Address:

Please summarize your presentation in a few sentences. If you are interested in presenting to youth, please include how you will engage the youth (activities, etc.). Also indicate which of the training areas listed on page one your presentation would address:

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Please list names of all presenters in addition to the primary contact:

Do you have any equipment requests or special room arrangements necessary for your presentation?

Any additional information:

Thank you!

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SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

The 5th annual **MYTransitions Conference** will be held at the Colonial Red Lion Inn in Helena, MT on November 14-16, 2012. The conference organizers, *MYT^{ransitions}*, is a non-profit committee of various agencies and individuals in Montana who are dedicated to working with youth with disabilities to establish meaningful and diverse transitions into adulthood.

This year's conference will be focused on the needs and interests of individuals with disabilities and their families, and will include a **Real Life Fair** and various workshops related to community services and independent living options.

We are committed to helping Montana's youth reach their full potential and want to make this opportunity available to as many individuals and families as possible. **Your donation toward scholarships or conference expenses will help make that goal possible.**

To help defray the travel costs for youth with disabilities and their families and/or the costs of the conference, please complete the attached application and return it to MYTransitions, 1617 Euclid Ave., Helena, MT 59601 or as an attachment to mylfjune@bresnan.net.

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For conference registration information, go to www.montanayouthtransitions.org.

Thank you for your partnership and investment in Montana's future.



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SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Donor (individual or business):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email Address:

Amount of Contribution:

Would you prefer donation to be applied to:

- ☐ Youth/Family Scholarship
- ☐ Conference Speaker
- ☐ Conference Facilities/Related Expenses

How would you like name of the individual or business to be listed on conference promotional materials?

Thank you for your donation.



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